

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A computer implemented method for editing text in a computer text editor program, comprising:

- determining terms repeated in a section of text;
- determining terms associated with the repeated terms that may be used as substitute terms for the repeated terms;
- selecting one instance of one repeated term in the text;
- receiving user selection of one associated term for the selected instance of the repeated term; and
- replacing the selected associated term for the selected instance of the repeated term in response to the user selection.

1 2. The computer implemented method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 selecting a next instance of one repeated term in the text not previously selected
3 after replacing the previously selected associated term for the selected instance of the
4 repeated term.

1 3. The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the section of text
2 in which repeated terms are determined is capable of comprising: a paragraph; a sentence;
3 a page; a sub-heading; or the entire document.

1 4. The computer implemented method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 displaying a graphical user interface (GUI) with the repeated terms;
3 graphically indicating the selected instance of the repeated term in the text;
4 displaying the determined terms associated with the selected repeated term,
5 wherein the user selected associated term is substituted into the text for the graphically
6 indicated selected repeated term; and

1 8. The computer implemented method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 maintaining different groups of associated terms, wherein each group comprises
3 different sets of associated terms; and
4 determining a selected group of associated terms, wherein determining the terms
5 associated with the selected repeated term further comprises determining terms in the
6 selected group associated with the selected repeated term, wherein different groups are
7 capable of providing different associated terms for the selected repeated term.

1 9. The computer implemented method of claim 8, further comprising:
2 receiving user input indicating to modify the groups of associated terms, wherein
3 the user input is capable of indicating to add additional associated terms to the groups,
4 remove associated terms from the groups, remove an entire group and add a new group of
5 associated terms; and
6 performing the user received modification operation on the groups to modify the
7 groups of associated terms.

1 10. The computer implemented method of claim 8, wherein the groups of
2 associated terms comprise different literary categories.

1 11. The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein determining terms
2 repeated in the text further comprises determining repeated phrases in the text, wherein
3 the terms associated with the repeated phrases comprise associated phrases.

1 12. The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the repeated terms
2 are capable of including terms that are different words that include a same word stem.

1 13. A system for editing text in a computer text editor program, comprising:
2 a computer;
3 a memory device accessible to the computer;
4 an application program loaded into the memory device, wherein the computer
5 executes the application program from the memory to perform:
6 (i) determining terms repeated in a section of text;
7 (ii) determining terms associated with the repeated terms that may be used
8 as substitute terms for the repeated terms;
9 (iii) selecting one instance of one repeated term in the text;

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1 16. The system of claim 13, further comprising a display monitor coupled to
2 the computer, wherein the computer executes the application program to further perform:
3 displaying on the display monitor a graphical user interface (GUI) with the
4 repeated terms;
5 graphically indicating in the GUI the selected instance of the repeated term in the
6 text;
7 displaying the determined terms associated with the selected repeated term,
8 wherein the user selected associated term is substituted into the text for the graphically
9 indicated selected repeated term; and
10 graphically indicating in the GUI a next instance of one repeated term in the text
11 as the next selected instance of one repeated term.

1 17. The system of claim 16, wherein the computer executes the application
2 program to further perform:
3 displaying the repeated terms with the text in the GUI differently than non-
4 repeated terms in the text.

1 18. The system of claim 13, wherein the computer executes the application
2 program to further perform:
3 receiving user input of a term to associate with a subject term; and
4 storing the association of the inputted term and the subject term, wherein the
5 inputted term is one of the determined associated terms when the subject term is a
6 subsequently determined repeated term.

1 19. The system of claim 18, wherein the computer executes the application
2 program to further perform:
3 receiving user input of a term to remove as an associated term with the subject
4 term, wherein the removed term is not one of the determined associated terms when the
5 subject term is a subsequently determined repeated term.

1 20. The system of claim 13, wherein the computer executes the application
2 program to further perform:
3 maintaining different groups of associated terms, wherein each group comprises
4 different sets of associated terms; and
5 determining a selected group of associated terms, wherein determining the terms
6 associated with the selected repeated term further comprises determining terms in the
7 selected group associated with the selected repeated term, wherein different groups are
8 capable of providing different associated terms for the selected repeated term.

1 25. A program for editing text in a computer text editor program, wherein the
2 program includes code embedded in a computer readable medium capable of causing a
3 computer to perform:
4 determining terms repeated in a section of text;
5 determining terms associated with the repeated terms that may be used as
6 substitute terms for the repeated terms;
7 selecting one instance of one repeated term in the text;
8 receiving user selection of one associated term for the selected instance of the
9 repeated term; and

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1 26. The program of claim 25, wherein the program code is further capable of
2 causing the computer to perform:

1 27. The program of claim 25, wherein the section of text in which repeated
2 terms are determined is capable of comprising: a paragraph; a sentence; a page; a sub-
3 heading; or the entire document.

3 displaying a graphical user interface (GUI) with the repeated terms;
4 graphically indicating the selected instance of the repeated term in the text;
5 displaying the determined terms associated with the selected repeated term,
6 wherein the user selected associated term is substituted into the text for the graphically
7 indicated selected repeated term; and
8 graphically indicating a next instance of one repeated term in the text as the next
9 selected instance of one repeated term.

3 displaying the repeated terms with the text in the GUI differently than non-
4 repeated terms in the text.

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1 33. The program of claim 32, wherein the program code is further capable of
2 causing the computer to perform:
3 receiving user input indicating to modify the groups of associated terms, wherein
4 the user input is capable of indicating to add additional associated terms to the groups,
5 remove associated terms from the groups, remove an entire group and add a new group of
6 associated terms; and

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7 performing the user received modification operation on the groups to modify the
8 groups of associated terms.

1 34. The program of claim 32, wherein the groups of associated terms comprise
2 different literary categories.

1 35. The program of claim 25, wherein determining terms repeated in the text
2 further comprises determining repeated phrases in the text, wherein the terms associated
3 with the repeated phrases comprise associated phrases.

1 36. The program of claim 25, wherein the repeated terms are capable of
2 including terms that are different words that include a same word stem.

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